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Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 3 Roman Residential Letter: Monday 18th May – Tuesday 19th May 2026

This letter contains all the arrangements for the Roman residential on Monday 18th May to Tuesday 19th May. We can confirm that the adults accompanying the visit are: Mrs Andrews, Miss Learie, Mrs Crowther (Year 3 Senior Teaching assistant), Mrs Cattermole (Year 3 Senior Teaching assistant), Mrs Garbutt (deputy head teacher), Mrs Holmes (Year 5 Senior Teaching assistant) and Mr Jones (school trustee). Attached to this letter is a copy of the kit list.

Departure arrangements

Children come to school at normal time on the Monday morning in their **school uniform (green school jumper, trousers - leggings or joggers, trainers or walking boots/trainers). No jeans please.** We will collect them from their lines on the playground at 8.50am. Please ensure your child is in school on time as we are unable to wait for any late arrivals.

We will not leave school until around 9.30. All children will need a decent packed lunch for the Monday, with snacks and drinks, as our evening meal at the hostel will be 6pm. Please do not allow your child to take sweets, fizzy drinks, chocolate or computer games (or anything else that uses headphones) on the coach. The children will need a **small-medium sized day rucksack to carry on the bus and a larger bag containing nightwear, toiletries, spare clothes etc to go in the luggage hold.**

Into the day rucksack, they should put their waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers, a warm hat, gloves, lunch and all snacks and drinks for the Monday, any inhalers and perhaps sun cream and a sunhat if the weather is hot and sunny. This is very important as the children won't be able to access their main luggage until we unpack at the hostel in the evening.

Itinerary

Monday:

9.30am – depart Ghyllside school
11.00am – arrive at the Roman Army Museum (lunch whilst on this site)
2pm – leave museum for Vindolanda
2.15pm – arrive Vindolanda
4.45pm – depart Vindolanda
4.55pm – arrive YHA The Sill and allocate rooms, demonstrate emergency exits etc.
6pm – evening meal
7.15pm – outdoor play in groups or inside play if wet
Bedtime
Lights out

Tuesday:

8am – breakfast and pack/clear rooms etc
9.30am – depart YHA The Sill
10am – arrive Birdoswald
12.30pm – lunch at Birdoswald
1pm – depart Birdoswald
2.15/2.30pm – arrive Ghyllside (welcome to collect your child at this time or at normal home time 3.20pm from the normal door onto the yard)

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Money, Mobile Telephones and Cameras

There is no need for any child to bring any money. There are shops at the places we are visiting but we won't be using them. Children do not need cameras. The teachers will take photos to share when we are back in school. Children should not bring any mobile devices or phones, as there is no need. Staff will have their mobiles and we will contact you if there is a problem.

Evening activities

Children may bring a small toy or game in their day rucksack to share with others in the evening or on the coach. Please do not send any electronic games as they tend to be worth a lot of money and break easily. Children are very welcome to bring a small teddy and any comforters or blankets for bedtime if it helps them go to sleep more easily but please remind them that they are responsible for looking after them and making sure they remember to bring them home!

Medical Information/Travel Sickness and Inhalers

We will take your child's medical information with us.

In addition to this, if your child requires an inhaler, please ensure that they have it with them with their name clearly written on it and that it is placed in their day rucksack on the coach – it's no use in the luggage hold where the main bags are stored for the journey. If your child requires travel sickness medication, please administer it on Monday morning prior to travel. For the return journey on Tuesday, please provide the correct dose in a clearly marked envelope and hand it to a staff member on Monday morning. The medical forms make no mention of applying plasters to small cuts and grazes. We will assume that this is alright unless you have told us otherwise.

Emergency Contact

In case of emergency and you need to contact your child, if it is school hours 8-4.30, please ring the school office on 01539 814930. If out of these hours, please ring The Sill hostel on 01629 592559.

Please note this is only for emergencies.

Food

The children will need a decent packed lunch from home for Monday lunchtime. They will have their evening meal at 6pm at the hostel. **The children have already selected their meal choices for Monday evening meal and the sandwich filling for their packed lunch on Tuesday. Food allergies and intolerances have already been sent to The Sill hostel and will be catered for accordingly.**

Return Details

We will leave Birdoswald on Tuesday at approximately 1pm and aim to **be back at school by about 2.15/2.30pm**, depending on the traffic. If we are going to be late, we will contact school and a message will be sent to parents. Most parents collect the children from the coach on arrival back at school but if you would like us to keep them until 3.20 that is fine.

A Final Word of Thanks...

We would really like to take the opportunity to thank you for supporting us in providing this visit for the children.

Many thanks,

The Year 3 Team

Kit List Roman Residential 2025

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Below is a list of things you will need to bring for both days.

On Monday the children should wear:

- Ghyllside school green jumper
- T-shirt
- Comfortable trousers – jogging bottoms or leggings. No jeans please.
- Sensible, flat shoes – preferably well-worn in trainers or walking boots/trainers. No sandals or slip-on shoes.

Day rucksack items

- A packed lunch for the Monday lunchtime.
- Refillable water bottle
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Warm hat
- Gloves
- Sun hat
- Sun cream
- Inhaler if used

Large rucksack items

- Pyjamas
- Hand Towel
- Slippers (optional)
- 2 changes of underwear
- 2 pairs of socks
- Spare change of clothes (long sleeved top and trousers)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Other toiletries they usually use. No shampoo, conditioner, shower gel needed as we won't be having baths and showers.
- Bin liner with their name on to put all dirty laundry in.
- Small teddy, comforter or blanket – remember nothing too precious in case it is lost or left behind

Any prescribed medicines to be labelled and handed to staff prior to departure please.

Please remember to name absolutely everything – including underwear! Thank you. ☺

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